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SUBJ: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: LEGAL

REF: (A) MOSCOW 5040; (B) STATE 64842

1. WE REGRET DELAY KOLBASOV CANDIDACY BUT UNDERSTAND SITUATION. WOODROW WILSON CENTER ALSO SYMPATHETIC AND ASSUMES APPLICATION WILL BE SUBMITTED IN FALL SO DECISION CAN BE MADE EARLY DECEMBER. IF ACCEPTED, KOLBASOV COULD COME JANUARY 1975. CENTER EMPHASIZES FOUR MONTHS MINIMUM LENGTH TIME FOR SERIOUS RESEARCH PROJECT, BUT HOPES KOLBASOV CAN STAY LONGER. SINCE KOLBASOV NOT COMING IN SEPTEMBER, CENTER NOT SENDING REPRESENTATIVE WITH DELEGATION MAY LEGAL MEETING. BUSTERUD WILL MEET WITH CENTER REPRESENTATIVE BEFORE LEAVING FOR MOSCOW TO GET MORE INFORMATION TO DISCUSS WITH KOLBASOV.

2. AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH, WE UNABLE TO FIND U.S. SCHOLAR TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER BECAUSE OF LACK OF TIME, BUT HAVE IDENTIFIED GOOD POSSIBILITY FOR JANUARY 1975. PLEASE INFORM KOLBASOV WE PROPOSE SEND FIRST U.S. SCHOLAR AT THAT TIME. EMPHASIZE THAT BEGINNING BOTH SIDES EXCHANGE IN JANUARY A COINCIDENCE, NOT AN ATTEMPT TO LINK TWO. BUSTERUD WILL ALSO DISCUSS IN DEPTH WITH KOLBASOV.

3. USDEL MAY LEGAL MEETING AS FOLLOWS: JOHN A. BUSTERUD, MEMBER OF COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, DELEGATION HEAD, WIFE ACCOMPANYING; WALLACE H. JOHNSON, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WIFE ACCOMPANYING;

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*1. Mary's MES
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Mary - we have any suggestions - sources - to go to USSR for several months - side of environmental problem? Not that I know of

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ALAN G. KIRK, II, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENFORCEMENT AND GENERAL COUNSEL, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, WIFE ACCOMPANYING; DAVID B. COOK, OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL, CEQ; GILBERT D. KULICK, SCI/EN, DEPARTMENT OF STATE; WILLIAM D. RUCKELSHAUS, UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION (FORMER ADMINISTRATOR EPA AND FORMER DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL); NICHOLAS A. ROBINSON, CHAIRMAN, INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE, SIERRA CLUB, WIFE ACCOMPANYING (SHE FLUENT IN RUSSIAN). NOTE THAT KIRK WILL DEPART AFTER MOSCOW SESSIONS OVER AND NOT GOING ON FIELD TRIP.

4. AMERICAN SIDE UNDERSTANDS TRIP ON BASIS SENDING SIDE PAYS. USDEL REQUESTS EMBASSY COORDINATE WITH SOVIET HOSTS ON HOTEL RESERVATIONS. REQUEST FOUR DOUBLES, THREE SINGLES AT REASONABLE RATES.

5. NO CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ON DELEGATION BECAUSE LACK OF TIME AND ABSENCE WRITTEN INVITATION. ALSO FEEL IT MORE APPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AT NEXT PLENARY MEETING IN DECEMBER, ALTHOUGH NO COMMITMENT CAN BE MADE AT THIS TIME. BUSTERUD COULD DISCUSS THIS POSSIBILITY WITH FEDOROV DURING MID-YEAR REVIEW.

6. PAPER TOPICS AS FOLLOWS: JOHNSON, "THE ENFORCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS IN THE U.S."; KIRK, "BILATERAL AGREEMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ITS NEIGHBORS"; COOK, "LAW OF THE SEA AND THE ENVIRONMENT"; ROBINSON, "NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LAW OBLIGATIONS TO CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES." RUCKELSHAUS MAY ALSO DELIVER PAPER, WE WILL INFORM YOU OF DECISION.

7. REQUEST DETAILED SCHEDULE MEETINGS ASAP INCLUDING SOCIAL EVENTS IF YOU FEEL APPROPRIATE TO ASK. IMPORTANT TO HAVE DESIGNATED CITIES TO BE VISITED SO THEY CAN BE INCLUDED ON VISA APPLICATIONS. TRUST ITINERARY STILL INCLUDES UKRAINE, AZERBAIJAN AND UZBEKISTAN.

8. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING TOPICS TO BE PRESENTED BY SOVIET
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EXPERTS AND WHETHER THEY INTEND TO MAKE COPIES AVAILABLE TO
US IN ADVANCE, IN JANUARY LETTER KOLBASOV SAID PAPERS WOULD BE
SENT BY MARCH.
9. DELEGATION WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE SCIATT TECH OR SCIATT
WARD ACCOMPANY GROUP DURING MOSCOW TALK AND FIELD TRIP IF THEIR
SCHEDULES PERMIT. KISSINGER

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